THE

Caledonian Mercury

BEING

A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Thurſday September 26, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 21.

This Day arrived a Mail from Holland.

Cadix, Sept. 7.

THE Court having returned no Anſwer to the Propoſal of the Conſulate of the Indies, for ſending to the South Sea 2 Men of War, to drive away the French and all other Foreign Ships, the loading of the Galleons goes on but ſlowly.

Hamburg, Sept. 24. They write from Petersburg, That the Ruſſian Court is very uneaſy on account of the Advices they have received from Aſtracan, importing, That the Turks are in Motion on the Frontiers of Georgia, with an Intent to poſſeſs themſelves of the Province of Aſtracan, and cut off the Navigation of the Ruſſians to Derbent.

Petersburgh, Sept. 3. The Ambaſſador of Perſia arrived here Yeſterday, and will, we hear, have his Audience To-morrow.

Bruſſels, Sept. 20. They write from Cambray, That the Plenipotentiaries of the Emperor have received an Expreſs from Prague, with new Inſtructions from his Imperial Majeſty, concerning the Difficulties which retard the Opening of the Congreſs.

London, Sept. 21. The Corpſe of Mr. Monpeſſon, one of the Gentlemen that was barbarouſly murdered near Calais, was Yeſterday carried out of Town, and buried at Seven Oak in Kent.

The Transfer Books of the S. S. Annuity will be ſhut on Friday next, in order to adjuſt one Quarter's Intereſt due at Michaelmaſs next.

From

From the Evening Post.

Leipsick, Sept. 15. The Princess Mary Charlotte, Daughter of Prince James Sobieski, arrived here the 9th Instant, and proceeded the next Day on her Journey to France.

Hague, Sept. 24. The States of the Province of Holland have passed a Resolution relating to the Ostend India Company, which is to be laid To-day before the States General.

London, Sept. 19. Some Days ago one George Watkins, a young Lad belonging to a Holland's Trader, then lying off Crane stairs at Greenwich, having loaded a Pistol with a Brace of Balls, discharged it at a Waiter that was on board the said Ship, but missing him, shot the Mate.

Yesterday a Person well dress'd in Black, was found drowned in Fleet-ditch

Sally Salisbury is dangerously ill in Newgate, and is attended by Dr. Beaufort a Physician.

We are informed that Colonel Churchill very probably had met with the same unhappy Fate, as those Gentlemen that were robb'd and Murdered near Calais, had not the Duke of Berwick perswaded him to lye at his Grace's House the Night preceeding those bloody Facts were committed, so that the Colonel did not go for Calais till the Day after the aforsaid Cruelties were committed.

Last Saturday one Mr. Robert Knight, was unfortunately drowned at Bear Key Dock.

The Lady Russel, Relict of the late Lord Russel, who was beheaded, is dangerously ill at her House in Bloomsbury Square.

Paris, Sept. 25. The Traders of Marseilles, have presented a Memorial to the Council, by which they intreat his Majesty to suspend for some Years the exclusive Priveleges he lately granted to the India Company, for vetting of Coffee into this Kingdom; they set forth in that Memorial, that after the great Calamity and Desolation, to which the late dreadful Plague has reduced their City deptiving them of the Advantage of that Branch of their Trade, is rendring them incapable of recovering from their Losses.

London, Sept. 16. Last Tuesday was held a General Court of the York Buildings Company; in which they resolvedthat a List of their Annuitants should be printed; that Thanks should be given to the Gentlemen in the Direction for their good Management, in raising the Credit of the Company: And then, upon Mr. Fotherby's recommending Sir John Meers, and resigning the Office of Governour himself, They unanimously elected Sir John Meers for their Governour.

This Day their was a General Council, when the Parliament (which stands prorogued to the 24th Instant) is further prorogued to Thursday the 24th of October next.

This Day a General Court of the Bank of England was held at Grocers-Hall, and it was agreed, that a Dividend of 3 l. per Cent. should be made for the half Year ending Michaelmas next, and that the dividend Warrants should be delivered out and paid the 16th of October or sooner if got ready.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 21.

Vienna, Sept. 15. We learn that the Emperor has sent Orders to Count Staremberg at Hanover, to notifie to the King of Great Britain, that Prince Eugene is to go thither on the Part of the Emperor, to communicate his final Resolution on the Points proposed by the British Minister. The Empress obtained a Dispensation from the Pope, for eating before her Coronation, the better to be able to sustain the Fatigue of that Ceremony.

Hanover, Sept. 21. The King continues to take the Divertion of Hunting about Herenhausen.

Brus-

Bruſſels, Sept. 13. Our Actions are now fallen to 4 *per Cent.* Premium. Two Letters from the Emperor are come hither, to the Archbiſhops and Biſhops of the Auſtrian Netherlands, one of which has been Printed at Ghent, requiring all Orders of Men to receive the Bull *Unigenitus*, on pain of being puniſhed according to the Canon Law.

From the Weekly Journal, Sept, 21.

They write from Presburg in Germany, That a Jew of that City, being convicted of the Crime of Fornication with a Chriſtian Woman, had been condemned to ride thro' the City on a Hog, and fined in a Thouſand Florins; and if he be catched a ſecond Time, he will not only be fined, but alſo condemned to eat Pork.

'Tis taken for granted, that the Government of France will publiſh an Arret, offering a Reward for Diſcovery of the Actors of the barbarous Vilainy committed on the Engliſh Gentlemen, that they may be brought to condign Puniſhment.

Our News Papers give us no Account how they came by the Particulars of this melancholly Scene, ſince they tell us they are all killed except Mr. Lock's Servant, who ſaw nothing of the Murder of the other Gentlemen, who were on their Road to Paris; whereas Mr. Lock and his Servant were coming from it, and unluckily happened to come up when the bloody Scene was acting. We are informed from Calais, That Mr. Monpeſſon was brought to Calais alive, and did not die in leſs than 16 Hours after the Maſſacre. He told, That the whole Cataſtrophe was, in his Opinion, owing to the Indiſcretion of Mr. Seabright, who, when the Ruffians demanded their 300 Guineas, told he knew one of them; upon which they began to maſſacre them. It ſeems one of them ſpoke Engliſh, and the Gentlemen having lain at the Silver Lion at Calais, a Houſe kept by a Widow, who alſo lets out Poſt-chaiſes, they obſerved her Son ſpeak Engliſh; and Mr. Monpeſſon obſerved, that one of the Ruffians in Voice and Stature was like him: Upon which Circumſtance he has been taken up.

'Tis obſervable, That certain Halfpence are now diſperſed in London and other Parts of this Kingdom, that were coined for Ireland only; the ſaid Halfpence being about one 4th Part leſs in Value than thoſe that are made in his Majeſty's Mint in the Tower of London: So that 'tis an egregious Impoſition on his Majeſty's Subjects who take them; and we hear that the Venders thereof will be ſeverely proſecuted for putting off this unlawful Coin. Upon ſome of them a Harp is plac'd at Hibernia's Side, but upon moſt, 'tis placed under her Backſide, to make them more like the Engliſh Halfpence. 'Tis thought that in a Year or two there will be none of the King's Halfpence left, if this Cheat is ſuffered to proceed. This is a bold Attempt, to impoſe a ſham Species upon a whole Kingdom; but without doubt, our Magiſtrats will take Care of this Matter in due Time.

From the Flying Poſt, Sept. 21.

We have Letters of the 21ſt Inſtant from Hanover, which ſay, That the King intended to ſet out for Berlin as on Wedneſday laſt; and that after four Days ſtay there his Majeſty propoſes to proceed to his Hunting-ſeat at Ghore.

Petersburg, Auguſt 23. Some Engliſh Merchants who had a Mind to return Home, being refuſed the neceſſary Paſports, complain'd of it to the Czar's Miniſters; but they referr'd them to the Board of Admiralty, ſo that after all, 'tis a Queſtion whether they will obtain what they wiſh for, which is Leave to retire with their Effects. The laſt Letters from Conſtantinople ſay, that the Czar's Difference with the Grand Seignior is in a way of Accommodation, and that there have been three Conferences lately between the Turkiſh Miniſters and Mr. de Nieplief, the Czar's Reſident at the Pore.

Rome, Auguſt 31. Duke Grillo is ſo ſour'd at the Pope's putting a Garriſon into his Fortreſs of Palo, that he ſeems inclin'd to ſell every Foot of Land

he

he has left in the Eccleſiaſtical State: having offered Cardinal Barberini the Dutchy of Monterotando, which he bought of the Barberin Family, for 300000 Crowns, the very Sum which the Duke paid for it, the Cardinal took him at his Word, and the Writings are made over to the young Count Boromeo, his Siſter's Son.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 21.

London, Sept. 21. The Perſons who came over with the Bodies of the Gentlemen murder'd near Calais, brought a Letter to Mr. Frindelo, a Taylor in Ireland-yard, Black-friars, from his Brother at Calais, who was Footman to Mr. Sebright, and had eight Wounds given him by the Rogues, and was left for dead, but the Surgeons have Hopes of his Recovery; deſiring him withal, to haſten over and aſſiſt him in the Care of ſome Effects of Value belonging to his late Maſter, which are in his Cuſtody.

Paſſengers and private Letters from Calais adviſe, That Mr. Monpeſſon received at firſt only a ſlight Wound, and was ordered by the Ruffians to lie with his Face on the Ground, till they were gone; but he unhappily lifting himſelf up, after he had lyen a long Time, and he believing all was over, they came to him and cut his Throat, he lived after that 2 Days; and ſeveral Soldiers of the Garriſon of Calais and other ſuſpected Perſons, were brought to him in his Chamber, but he accuſed none of them, but ſaid he had ſome Reaſon to believe that the Woman's Son of the Inn where he lodg'd at Calais was one of the Aſſaſins.

The Peaſant who was coming to Calais, was likewiſe ordered to lie on his Face, in the ſame Manner as Mr. Monpeſſon; but he getting up, and runing away, was purſued by 2 of the Rogues on Horſeback, and was Shot thro' the Head.

From the London Gazette, September 21.

Dublin, September 13. The following Addreſs have been preſented to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to be by him tranſmitted, in order to be laid before his Majeſty.

To the King's moſt excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, beg leave to expreſs to your Sacred Majeſty, our unfeign'd Thanks for your Care, in taking ſuch proper Meaſures, as by the good Providence of Almighty God, have prevented the Execution of a a wicked Conſpiracy, which if it had ſucceeded, would have deprived your loyal Subjects of the invaluable Bleſſing of your Majeſty's reigning over us; and in Conſequence ſubverted our happy Conſtitution, and the beſt Religion that ever was eſtabliſhed among Mankind: A Conſpiracy in it ſelf ſo odious and deteſtable, that its not within our Powers to declare Reſentments equal to the Enormity of it. We congratulate your Majeſty upon ſo ſeaſonable a Diſcovery, which we hope will prevent all future Practices dangerous to the Peace of your Majeſty's Government, and the Well-being of your Majeſty's Subjects; and we aſſure your Majeſty, that our unalterable Zeal is ſuch, that nothing ſhall be wanting within our Power to defend and ſupport your Royal Perſon and Government, againſt all your Enemies.

We

We approach your Majeſty with our dutiful Acknowledgment, for the gracious Aſſurance given us by your Majeſty's Command, and from the Throne, that the Well-fare and Proſperity of this Nation both in Church and State, ſhall always be your particular Care. This Inſtance of your Royal Goodneſs lays us under ſuch Ties of Gratitude, as loyal Subjects will always think due, and be ready to pay to the beſt of Princes. We are ſo ſenſible of the Merits of his Grace the Duke of Grafton, that we cannot in Juſtice forbear on this Occaſion, repreſenting to your Majeſty the Satisfaction we have in his being continued our Chief Governour, ſince he has ſo thorowly convinced us, that your Majeſty's Intereſts and the Happineſs of this Country, are equally his Wiſhes and Endeavours.

Wye's Letter verbatim, Sept. 21.

OUR Letters from the Hague inſinuate, That the States of Holland had informed the French Court of the Reſolutions concerning the E. India Company in the Auſtrian Netherlands; upon which Subject the Spaniſh Ambaſſador has had ſeveral Conferences with the Grand Penſionary Hornbeck. It ſeems that the ſaid Company has formed a Deſign to get Footing on the Continent near Buenos Ayres by the Aſſiſtance of ſome Portugueſe Ships. And its likewiſe adviſed, that 3 Imperial Frigots are arrived at Lisbon from Trieſte, which its thought the Court of Spain will not very well reliſh.

'Tis remarked, that their High Mightineſſes ſeem at preſent to decline meddling in the Affair above-mention'd, yet they will not reſtrain the Directors of the Eaſt and Weſt India Companies from acting according to the Tenor of their Patent, to the End, that in caſe any Colluſion ſhould happen between the Company's Ships and thoſe of the Oſtenders, and Complaints enſue thereupon, it might then be alledg'd, that the Company have done nothing, but what was conform to the Articles of their Patent, ſecured by ſeveral ſolemn Treaties.

Weymouth, Sept. 18. On the 15th Inſtant came to an Anchor in this Road the Hamilton of London, Capt. Kirk Commander, for Guinea, who has this Morning taken on board a Captain and a Bond of Corniſh Miners, who are going to Gambia on the African Company's Account, to work in a Gold Mine newly diſcovered. The Miners are all young briſk Fellows, and go with a very willing Mind; ſo that its hoped by the Bleſſing of God, it will be to the great Advantage of the Company, and the whole Kingdom: The Heavens ſeem to favour them at their firſt ſetting out, having a briſk Gale of Wind at North Eaſt, for their Departure.

This Day the Right Reverend Dr. Willis, late Biſhop of Salisbury was confirmed at Bow Church, Biſhop of Wincheſter. Next Thurſday the Biſhop of London will conſecrate the Chappel called St. George's Chapel in the Pariſh of St. Andrew's, Holburn; the ſeveral Inſtruments for that Purpoſe are getting ready by his Lordſhip's Regiſter in the common Form.

This Afternoon arrived a Mail from Holland, dated the 21ſt Inſtant, but brings no News, either of the Accommodation of Religious Grievances, or of the Affair relating to the Oſtend Eaſt India Company, whoſe Actions, however, are ſaid to be faln from 10 to *6 per Cent.* Premium; and that Prince Eugene will ſuddenly communicate the final Reſolution of the Emperor on that Point to his Britannic Majeſty at Hanover.

As to the Oppreſſion of the Proteſtants, the Jeſuites continue, in oppoſition to a Redreſs thereof, to carry on their Intrigues in ſuch a Manner, that 'tis very much fear'd new Troubles will enſue. But 'tis ſaid the Emperor's Miniſter at Ratisbon has been prevail'd on to write to the Elector Palatine, to engage him to forbid thoſe Fathers the Continuance of thoſe Practices.

Letters from Domits adviſe, that the Governour of that Fortreſs, by Order of the Duke of of Mecklenburg, had cauſed be beheaded the Privy Councellor Wolforth, and alſo the Burgo Maſter Braſt, and the private Secretary Scarfs to be broke alive upon the Wheel. 30 others are likewiſe condemned, on account of a Conſpiracy againſt the Duke's Perſon.

The

The Carolina Yatcht is put into Deptford Dock, to be careen'd, and afterwards to ſail thence for Holland, to bring over the King. Various Diſcourſes have been raiſed upon Barron Bothmar going to Hanover; but whether it happened upon any extraordinary Occaſion, may be probably known, ſoon after his Majeſty's Return from his German Dominions.

We hear, that the Dutcheſs Dowager of Buckingham is fallen ſo ill at Paris, that ſhe cannot proceed on her Journey as ſhe deſign'd to Aix-la-chapelle, for the Benefit of the Waters.

Our Bills of Mortality have been very high for ſeveral Weeks, but the laſt Week exceeded any for ſome Years paſt, the Number of the Dead being 786; and yet bleſſed be God, we hear of no malignant Diſtemper in this City.

Sir William Strickland is recovered from his Indiſpoſition which was occaſion'd by a Fall from his Horſe, as he was hunting.

We have not as yet the deſired News from Cambray.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

† Theſe are to give Notice to all Gentlemen, Merchants and others, who intend to tranſport themſelves or Goods for *Rotterdam*, in the good Ship called the *John* and *Marion* Galley of *Preſtounpans*; wherof, *Alexander Hog* is preſent Maſter; the Ship now lying at *Aloa*, and will be ready to ſail againſt the 5th of *October* next (Wind and Weather ſerving.) The Maſter is to be ſpoke with at the *Laigh Coffee-houſe* in *Edinburgh*, or at *John Hog's* Houſe in *Preſtounpans*. The Ship will Anchor in *Leith* Road, and ſail from *Preſtounpans* (God willing) againſt the foreſaid Time.

†*† *Ther is a fine Milch Aſs lately Colted, to be Sold or Hired. Enquire at Mr.* Colin Mackenzie *Chirurgeon his Shop in the* Lawn-market, *over-againſt* Libertoun-*wynd-head.*

EDINBURGH:

Printed for Mr. *WILLIAM ROLLAND*, by *WILLIAM ADAMS* Jun. at his Printing-Houſe over againſt the *General-Poſt Office*. *Anno Dom.* 1723.